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1. MININFO BONA MALWAL IN CAPCITY AS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF
SUDANOW, ENGLISH LANGUAGE MONTHLY PUBLISHED BY GOS SIGNED
EDITORIAL IN FEBRUARY ISSUE JUST OUT HERE DISCUSSING LIBYAN
INSPIRED, COMMUNIST SUPPORTED ANTI-GOS MACHINATIONS IN NEIGH-
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BORING COUNTRIES. SUDANOW DISTRIBUTED TO SUDANESE DIPLOMATIC
MISSIONS ABROAD AND READ LOCALLY PRIMARILY BY FOREIGN COMM-
UNITY.

)2. USING EVENTS IN AND AROUND SUDAN AND EGYPT DURING DECEMBER
AND JANUARY AS STARTING POINT,EDITORIAL CLAIMS CERTAIN
NEIGHBORS (I.E. LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA) KNOWN TO HAVE COME
UNDER INFLUENCE, IF NOT CONTROL OF MAJOR WORLD POWER (I.E.

USSR) TRIED TO BRING PRESSURE ON SUDAN BY TRYING UNDERMINE SSU SECOND NATIONAL CONGRESS. EPMG ALLEGEDLY CARRIED OUT QUOTE MILITARY INCURSIONS UNQUOTE INTO SUDAN IN DECEMBER. WHEN GOS REACTED WITH DETERMINATION TO RETALIATE DIRG SWITCH-ED TACTICS TO SUPPORTING ANSAR REBELS IN ETHIOPIA. ARMS PROVIDED BY LIBYA WERE FLOWN INTO ETHIOPIA BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT SUPPLIED BY ONE OF BIG POWERS (I.E. USSR.)

3. LIBYANS THEN ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTED CAUSE DISTURBANCES ALONG WESTERN AND SOUTHERN BORDERS OF SUDAN BY PRESSURING GOVERNMENTS OF CHAD, CAE AND UGANDA. HOWEVER, LEADERSHIP OF THREE COUNTRIES WOULD NOT TRADE BROTHERLY AND GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM AND SUDAN FOR ANYTHING COLONEL QADDAFI OR HIS BIG POWER MASTERS MAY OFFER IN TERMS MONEY OR MILITARY PRESSURE. LIBYA, EPMG, USSR AND LOCAL COMMUNISTS (PARTICULARLY IN EGYPT) CONTINUE WORKING TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENTS OF SUDAN AND EGYPT, WHOSE ALLIANCE DENIES STRATEGIC NILE VALLEY TO THEM, BUT THEIR EFFORTS WILL FAIL.

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4. COMMENT: MALWAL'S EDITORIAL ACCURATELY REFLECTS CURRENT GOS ANALYSIS. HOWEVER, IT CONTAINS FIRST EXPLICIT ALLEGATION OF WHICH WE AWARE OF EPMG MILITARY INCURSIONS INTO SUDAN AND MOST DETAILED PUBLIC CHARGES BY GOS OF ANTI-GOS ACTIVITY BY LIBYA IN CHAD, CAE AND UGANDA. AFP STORY (REFTEL) APPARENTLY LEFT OUT SENTENCE NOTED ABOVE WHERE MALWAL NOTES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUDAN'S NEIGHBORS RESISTED LIBYAN AND OTHER PRESSURE. WE THINK PUBLIC STRESS ON USSR ROLE IS NOTEWORTHY. FAC THAT ARTICLE APPEARED IN SUDANOW SUGGESTS IT INTENDED PRIMARILY FOR FOREIGN CONSUMPTION AS PART OF CONTINUING DIPLOMATIC AND PROPAGANDA EFFORT BY GOS AGAINST LIBYA/EPMG/USSR MACHINATIONS.
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